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## **Student Profile:**

Growing up, children have dreams of becoming an astronaut, or president, or princess; however, my dream has always been to become a teacher. From being five years old teaching my stuffed animals to my sophomore year in college tutoring kids at my practicum program, I love everything about education and teaching. My goals are to obtain my Undergraduate and eventually Master's degree in Special and Elementary Education at Northern Arizona University. However, I come from a single parent household where I am paying for my education by myself so I must work diligently to receive funds to help fund my education and achieve my aspirations. The TEACH Grant is a program that is helping me realize my dream of becoming a teacher. It is a wonderful opportunity to help me stay driven and motivated to complete my education. I have always had the desire to work with students who come from less privileged backgrounds and the TEACH program makes it possible. It goes hand in hand with my own goals to be enrolled in an excellent teacher preparation program and its helps to ensure that every kid in Arizona will receive a quality education regardless of their background. Education is a vital component to the community's success and future. Every student that passes through school will be a member of the community, but the question is whether they will be a contributing, responsible and active member. I hope to make a difference in my student's lives so that they will engage in their community and make an impact themselves. I plan to give back to the Flagstaff community through educating and inspiring. I will be a teacher that makes a difference.